

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Wednesday, May 31, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Campbell presiding.

On motion of Senator Parsons, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

President Campbell presented a communication from Mr. James A. Corley, relative to the bond of the State Treasurer.

Communication read.

Senator Bowers moved that the communication be returned to the writer. Carried.

Speceial message from the Governor, by his private Secretary, Mr. Britton, as follows:

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
AUSTIN, May 31, 1871.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to inform you that the following named bills have been received by me and approved, to-wit:

House bill No. 551, "An act to make the county of La Salle a part of the Seventeenth Judicial District of this State, and to attach it to the county of Live Oak for judicial purposes," approved May 25, 1871.

House bill No. 483, "An act to incorporate the Bryan Real Estate and Building Association," approved May 25, 1871.

House bill No. 359, "An act to legalize the official acts of I. H. Steen while acting as justice of the peace of Hamilton county," approved May 25, 1871.

House bill No. 241, "An act to provide for the appointment of one county surveyor for two or more counties," approved May 25, 1871.

House bill No. 197, "An act to incorporate the Bank of Cleburne," approved May 25, 1871.

House bill No. 52, "An act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within certain limits of Birdsville, Tarrant county, Texas," approved May 25, 1871.

House bill No. 360, "An act to legalize the official acts of I. H. Steen, while acting as District Clerk of Hamilton county," approved May 25, 1871.

House bill No. 485, "An act to incorporate the Railroad, Real

Estate, Building and Savings Association of Texas," approved May 25, 1871.

Senate bill No. 357, "An act to incorporate the Austin Social Club," approved May 26, 1871.

Senate bill No. 223, "An act authorizing the compromise of certain suits brought by the State in the District Court of Colorado county," approved May 26, 1871.

Senate bill No. 278, "An act to incorporate Waco Female College," approved May 26, 1871.

Senate bill No. 251, "An act to incorporate the Bryan Male and Female Seminary," approved May 26, 1871.

Senate bill No. 213, "An act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating or spirituous liquors in the vicinity of Jamestown High School," approved May 26, 1871.

Senate bill No. 205, "An act to incorporate the Paris Gas Company," approved May 26, 1871.

Substitute Senate bill No. 23, "An act to prohibit the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors within two miles of Johnson's Point Male and Female Seminary," approved May 26, 1871.

Senate bill No. 30, "An act to incorporate the city of Rockport," approved May 26, 1871.

Senate bill No. 371, "An act to incorporate the Parker county Agricultural and Mechanical Association," approved May 26, 1871.

Senate bill No. 64, "An act authorizing the District Attorney of the Thirtieth Judicial District, to draw his salary from the date of filing his oath of office," approved May 26, 1871.

Senate bill No. 259, "An act to incorporate the Lebanon High School, in Collin County, Texas," approved May 26, 1871.

Senate bill No. 139, "An act to incorporate the Lavaca and Navidad Rivers Navigation and Dredging Company," approved May 26, 1871.

House bill No. 686, "An act amendatory of an act entitled 'an act to provide for the establishment of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas,' approved April 17, 1871," approved May 20, 1871.

Senate bill No. 429, "An act to provide for a special registration of voters preparatory to any election under the provisions of 'an act to authorize counties, cities and towns to aid in the construction of railroads and other works of internal improvement, approved April 12, 1871,' and to declare who shall be considered qualified voters at any election held under the provisions of said act," approved May 31, 1871.

House bill No. 367, "An act to authorize the transcript of surveyor's records of Lampasas county," approved May 31, 1871.

Senate bill No. 408, "An act to require the Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District to hold a special term of the District Court of Brazoria county," approved May 31, 1871.

House bill No. 604, "An act to incorporate the Young Men's Real Estate and Building Association of Tyler, Texas," approved May 31, 1871.

House bill No. 577, "An act to prohibit the sale or otherwise disposing of spirituous or vinous liquors within two miles of Bagdad Masonic Institute, in Williamson county, Texas," approved May 31, 1871.

House bill No. 146, "An act to legalize the acts of I. H. Lee, of Coryell county," approved May 31, 1871.

House bill No. 131, an act to incorporate the Gilmer Manufacturing Company," approved May 31, 1871.

House bill No. 561, "An act to incorporate the city of Corsicana, Navarro county, Texas," approved May 31, 1871.

House bill No. 343, "An act to incorporate the town of Winsborough, in Wood county," approved May 31, 1871.

House bill No. 681, "An act authorizing the Board of Trustees of the State Blind Asylum to audit the payment of certain accounts and making an appropriation for the same," approved May 31, 1871.

House bill No. 603, "An act to amend section twenty-nine of an act, entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of Dallas, in Dallas county,' approved May 31, .

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,
Governor.

Message read.

Senator Parsons offered the following resolution :

Resolved That the thanks of this Senate are hereby tendered Hon. Don Campbell, President of the Senate, for the ability, dignity and impartiality with which he has presided over this body during the past session.

On motion of Senator Baker, the resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

MESSAGES.

Under direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House for signature of the Speaker, the following enrolled Senate bills :

Senate bill No. 160, "An act to incorporate the Galveston Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Association."

Senate bill No. 307, "An act to repeal section twenty-nine of 'an act to organize the courts of justices of the peace and county courts, and to define their jurisdiction and duties,' approved August 13, 1870."

Senate bill No. 387, "An act to incorporate the Galveston Medical College Hospital."

Senate bill No. 424, "An act to amend the twenty-fourth section of 'an act to give effect to the several provisions of the Constitution concerning taxes,' approved April 22, A. D. 1871."

Enrolled bills signed by the Speaker, returned to the Senate and signed by the President in open session.

Senator Pridgen submitted the following report of the Committee on Enrolled Bills:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, May 31, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined and find correctly enrolled the following Senate bills to-wit: No. 387, entitled "An act to incorporate the Galveston Medical College Hospital;" No. 307, entitled "An act to repeal section twenty-nine of 'an act to organize the courts of justices of the peace and county courts, and to define their jurisdiction and duties,' approved August 13, 1870;" No. 160, entitled "An act to incorporate the Galveston Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Association;" No. 424, entitled "An act to amend the twenty-fourth section of an act entitled 'an act to give effect to the several provisions of the Constitution concerning taxes,' approved April 22, 1871," and to-day at 11:50 o'clock A. M., presented them to the Governor for his approval.

B. J. PRIDGEN,
Chairman.

Report read and received.

President Campbell addressed the Senate as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE: The time has arrived when, by a resolution of this body, the members of the Senate are to separate for a season. We have been in session nearly five months—have accomplished much important legislation.

We have pending before us a mass of business of great interest to the country, to which a large share of the time and attention of the Senate have already been devoted, and it is highly meet and proper that in the heat of the mid-summer months, we should withdraw for a time from the labors of the session, that we may revisit our homes and our families, mingle again with our constituents and

commune with our friends and the friends of the country, before proceeding finally to decide upon grave questions now pending before us.

We cannot, Senators, be too often impressed with the high importance of the responsible positions which we all, as individuals and as a Senate, occupy before the country in the great work in which we are engaged, and all our action in the progress of legislation cannot be characterized by too much caution, too much prudence and deliberation.

It should be the duty of us all, as it is our most exalted privilege, to take counsel of the good and the great everywhere, of the patriotic and sagacious, both in and out of our State, in the adoption of the wisest and best considered measures for the promotion of the prosperity of our people, and in fixing the destinies of our great State in the new relations which she is now assuming among the States of the Union, and in the bright career of progress which is opening before us under auspices so hopeful and encouraging.

The philosophical maxim, which has always controlled true statesmanship in managing the affairs of vast communities of men, "make haste slowly," applies with great force to the new condition of our people, and demands its adoption at our hands, lest by precipitate action and inconsiderate haste, we may be led into measures whose results might bring as much of injury as of benefit to the great interests whose advancement we all have so much at heart.

To pause therefore, in the midst of our labors for reflection and deliberation, and for consultation with our constituents, is eminently the part of wisdom, under the peculiar circumstances by which we are surrounded; and I may be permitted to congratulate the Senate upon their determination to separate for a time, and to indulge in the expression of the hope which I so much entertain, that after our separation, our coming together again, will result in the greatest good to our fellow-citizens in the promotion of the welfare of the State.

Before we separate, Senators, you will pardon me in the expression of my sincere acknowledgments for the uniform kindness and courtesy which has been extended to me by every member of this body, since I have had the distinguished honor to occupy this chair. With no experience in parliamentary bodies, I entered upon the discharge of these duties with many misgivings, and it affords me the greatest pleasure to state, that your indulgence so cheerfully accorded me, under all the circumstances of my position, has been my chief support in whatever of success I may have had in presiding over your deliberations.

I thank you gentlemen, individually and as a body, for this support, hailing it as an earnest that in the future my labors, which at

first I feared would be heavy, will be much lightened by the cordial co-operation of gentlemen and friends with whom it is my good fortune to be associated.

Trusting that your visit to your homes will be attended with as much happiness as each of you in common with myself cannot but anticipate, and with the hope that each Senator will return to his post, invigorated in health and strengthened in his courage to discharge fearlessly the great duties devolving upon us all, I pronounce the Senate adjourned, until Tuesday the twelfth day of September next, as by your resolution it is my duty to do.

So the Senate, at 12 o'clock M., Wednesday, May 31, 1871, adjourned to Tuesday, September 12, 1871.

Attest:

C. M. CAMPBELL,
Secretary of the Senate.
